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The Situation in Indonesia
(Report #55--As of 4:00 PM EST)

1. There are indications that Sukarno plans to deliver a strongly anti-Western speech on 10 November as a follow-up to his 6 November cabinet meeting, at which he expressed displeasure at the army's anti-PKI actions.

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2. Sukarno is also trying to regain full control of the Indonesian press. His information minister has ordered a strongly anti-PKI, army controlled paper to publish weekly rather than daily, and has announced that he will limit each political party to one newspaper apiece. This ruling is apparently designed to hurt the anti-Communist Moslem parties, whose newspapers have been leading the attack on the PKI.

3. Rumors are circulating that Sukarno may leave the country soon--possibly as early as Friday. Members of his personal entourage, including his physician, have arrived in Hong Kong, and it is possible he may follow them. Sukarno's poor health may make a trip out of the country necessary, but this seems a bad time for him to remove himself from the center of Indonesian affairs.

Perhaps in an effort to offset Sukarno's anticipated

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remarks on the 10th, anti-Communist elements are planning a large rally in Djakarta tomorrow--the first such public rally since the 1 October insurrection.

5 A search by army and navy elements of a ship chartered by Communist China and now in an Indonesian port is reported to have uncovered a cache of arms and ammunition concealed in cement bags. The army is said to be hoping to use this evidence of clandestine arms deliveries to pressure Sukarno to break relations with Communist China.

6. The systematic army drive to destroy the PKI in northern Sumatra continues unabated, with considerable violence against party members reported in some areas. Although there are scattered reports of PKI terrorist acts, the party has failed to respond to the continuous attacks upon it. While the army remains unsure of the PKI potential in this area, its current estimate of party strength is much more optimistic than a few weeks ago.

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